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SUBJECT: REVIEW US-FRANCE SCIENCE COOPERATION, DEC. 4/5

1. RESPONDING TO OUR INQUIRY, FONOFF GILES CURIEN SAID TODAY THAT BOTH DGRST HEAD HUBERT CURIEN AND FONOFF DIRECTOR CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS PIERRE LAURENT FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ATTEND PLANNED DEC. 3 AND 4 MEETING IN WASHINGTON TO REVIEW US-FRANCE SCIENCE COOPERATION PROGRAM. THE FRENCH, HOWEVER, PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THIS REGULAR REVIEW OF BILATERAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. THEY ARE PROPOSING THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT GILES CURIEN REPRESENT THE FRENCH ON DEC. 4 AND 5. HUBERT CURIEN AND LAURENT WOULD ENDEAVOR TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT SOME FUTURE MORE CONVENIENT DATE WHEN SCI DIRECTOR POLLACK AND NSF DIRECTOR STEVER ARE PRESENT.

2. COMMENT: GILES CURIEN, BEING THE BROTHER AND CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF HUBERT CURIEN, AS WELL AS DIRECTOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS UNDER LAURENT, IS QUALIFIED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW. HIS BARELY ADEQUATE ENGLISH SHOULD PROVE NO PROBLEM AS SCICONS STILL PLANS TO ATTEND MEETING. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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